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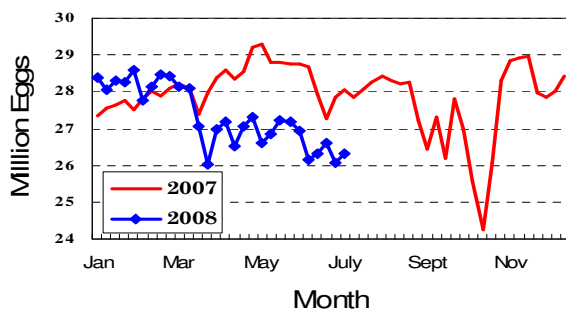
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 12 Percent from Last Year

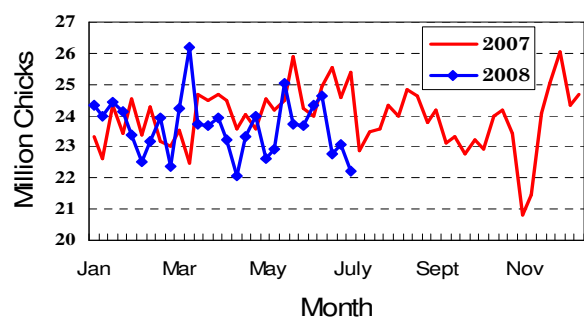
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.2 million during the week ending July 12, 2008. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 26.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 12, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, June 14, 2008 - July 12, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	12-Jul
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	31,560 *	31,093 *	30,296 *	29,044 *	30,484	22,327	22,049	22,019 *	21,477 *	21,237
Arkansas	26,137	26,337	26,620	26,069	26,307	24,314	24,638	22,783	23,052 *	22,227
Delaware	3,630	3,647	3,495	3,573	3,624	4,521	4,361	5,208	4,213	4,831
Florida	1,341	1,341	1,346	1,351	1,306	1,136	1,224	1,216	1,315	1,160
Georgia	34,260	34,231	33,955	32,622 *	33,907	28,012	28,934	29,311	28,617 *	27,742
Kentucky	7,545 *	7,694 *	7,488 *	7,792 *	7,909	6,864 *	6,462 *	7,090 *	6,342 *	6,016
Louisiana	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,742	3,755	3,632	3,456	3,543
Maryland	8,236	9,162	8,594	8,618	8,721	6,308	6,773	6,114	6,083	5,678
Mississippi	18,930	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,768	17,262	17,186	17,283	16,882	16,668
N. Carolina	19,116	19,230 *	18,949	18,416 *	18,491	16,010	15,580	16,328	15,683 *	15,978
Oklahoma	6,850	6,897 *	7,240	7,170	7,429	4,917	3,810	5,109	4,513	6,113
Pennsylvania	4,539	4,550	4,525	4,276 *	4,441	3,414	3,373	3,373	3,372 *	3,402
S. Carolina	5,260	5,317	5,539	5,348	5,380	5,494	5,220	4,044	4,726	5,027
Texas	15,876	15,897	14,714	15,700	15,608	13,156	13,200	13,260	13,363	13,409
Virginia	6,476	6,315	6,306	6,099	6,017	5,287	4,911	4,440	4,865	5,423
CA,MO,TN& WV	19,748 *	19,594	19,299 *	19,642 *	20,045	16,604 *	17,768 *	17,954 *	17,032 *	16,793
19 State Total	213,146 *	213,717 *	210,641 *	208,143 *	211,088	179,368 *	179,244 *	179,164 *	174,991 *	175,247
Prev. Year Total	217,590	216,287	210,141	216,018	218,175	179,754	180,026	178,938	178,318	177,496
% of Prev. Year	98	99	100	96	97	100	100	100	98	99

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 12, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 12, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 12, 2008 were 4.99 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.